(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement have been signed between these two countries in this regard;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof;

(e) whether the Government are holding any talks with other developing countries in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. India and Canada have agreed to co-operate in the peaceful uses of outer space.

(c) and (d). A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on October 15, 1996, with regard to the above co-operation. The broad areas of co-operation include study of co-operative programmes in satellites intended for space research and applications of space technology, studies related to satellite communications and satellite remote sensing, organisation of training facilities and programmes, exchange of technical and scientific personnel designated to participate in the studies and joint working groups set up to examine specific issues, and encouragement of co-operation in the field of exploration and utilisation of outer space between and within the Government, the private sector and the academia in both countries.

(e) and (f). The possibility of co-operation in the area of space technology is being explored with several developing countries, especially in Asia and Africa.

LPG Consumption

90. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of annual LPG consumption in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of LPG required for domestic use in Uttar Pradesh during the current year; and

(c) the time by which this requirement is likely to be fulfilled by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total estimated quantity of LPG required for the existing customers of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies for domestic use in Uttar Pradesh during 1996-97 is 522 TMT.

(c) The requirement of LPG of the existing customers is, by and large being met by the Public Sector Oil Companies.

Allocation of Funds

91. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amounts sanctioned by the Planning Commission for Maharashtra for the annual plan of 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the amount provided during this period;

(c) whether the Maharashtra was provided lesser amount in comparison to the amounts sanctioned to it, year-wise;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Maharashtra Government has not complied with the conditions attached to the sanctioned annual plan; and

(f) the percentage of the implementation to the above mentioned sanctioned plans for the years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The amount sanctioned by the Planning Commission for Maharashtra is as follows :

(i)	Annual Plan 1994-95	Rs. 4400.00 crores
(ii)	Annual Plan 1995-96	Rs. 5907.00 crores

(b) During the years, the revised approved outlay by Planning Commission is as given below :

(i)	annual Plan 1994-95	Rs. 4758.00 crores
(ii)	Annual Plan 1995-96	Rs. 6408.85 crores

(c) No.

(d) Does to arise.

(e) Yes, Sir, the State has complied with the conditions attached to the sanctioned annual plan.

(f) The percentage of the implementation to the above mentioned plans are given below:

(i) During the Annual Plan 1994-95, 110.42% of implementation of the revised plan outlay.

(ii) During Annual Plan 1995-96, 96.24% of implementation of the revised plan outlay.

[English]

Setting up of Mega Power Projects

92. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mega power projects established by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and